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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/758,067	Applicant(s) HULL ET AL.	
	Examiner Madeleine AV Nguyen	Art Unit 2625	

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 April 2009.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 20-37 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 36 and 37 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 20-35 and 38 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 36 and 37 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Newly submitted claims 36-37 are directed to an invention that is independent or distinct from the invention originally claimed for the following reasons: an automatic archiving system comprising one or more servers, one or more output devices, one or more input devices, one or more networks, wherein the one or more servers are configured to archive automatically an electronic image of each document produced by the one or more output devices, imaged by the one or more input devices, at substantially the same time the documents are produced or imaged. The invention originally claimed is an email server for automatic capture archiving of email document being transferred over a network in response to a single user input command.

Since applicant has received an action on the merits for the originally presented invention, this invention has been constructively elected by original presentation for prosecution on the merits. Accordingly, claims 36-37 are withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention. See 37 CFR 1.142(b) and MPEP § 821.03.

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments, see Remarks/Arguments, filed April 27, 2009, with respect to claims 20-32 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejection of claims 20-32 has been withdrawn.

Claim Objections

2. Claim 29 is objected to because of the following informalities: “a copy of each an email document” in line 3 should be “a copy of each email document” . Appropriate correction is required.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 20-35 and 38 are allowed.

4. The following is an examiner’s statement of reasons for allowance: claims 20-35 and 38 are allowable over the prior art of record because the Examiner found neither prior art cited in its entirety, nor based on the prior art, found any motivation to combine any of the said prior art which teaches an email server or a method for automatically and transparently archiving electronic documents in a network environment comprising means for or steps of generating electronic image data for each received copy of an email document, the electronic image data being generated in a format acceptable for storage in the at least one database for the at least one document management workstation; causing the generated electronic image data to be stored in the at least one database to perform image capture archiving of the email document, wherein the steps are performed transparent to the user without further input from the user notwithstanding the single user input command for transmitting the email document to a destination, and wherein the aforementioned steps are carried out at substantially a time that the email document is transferred over the network.

5. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue

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fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

a. Walker et al (US Publication No. 2001/0047286) discloses a verification and tracking system and method which stores information upon completion of the service, transfers stored data and information transferred into the database and determines whether data and information transferred into the database match those previously stored, and updates data and information stored on the database.

7. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Madeleine AV Nguyen whose telephone number is 571 272-7466. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 9:00am-5:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Edward L. Coles can be reached on 571 272-7402. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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